promotion of tourism in the State. The details of the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Amount sanctioned to Gujarat in the last three years:—

	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	65.76
1994-95	21.19
1995-96	7.98

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The sanctioned amount is released to the State Governments in instalments in the ratio of 30:50:20, etc. After receiving the proper utilisation certificate and work progress report from the State Governments, subsequent instalments are released, last instalment being in the form of reimbursement after completion of all the requirements including land transfer document, completion and commissioning certificate. Besides this, Ministry of Tourism monitors the schemes from time to time to ensure speedy progress.

Statement

Projects/Schemes sanctioned during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96

Sl. No.	Name of the project/scheme
	GUJARAT
1.	Tourist Complex at Nalsarovar
2.	Cafetaria at Porbandar
3.	Floodlighting of Somnath Temple
4.	Two units of sprint type land-sailing yatch
5.	Navratri festival
6.	Tarnetar fair
7.	Publicity support
8.	Tourist lodge at Kuda (Bhavnagar distt.)
9.	Assistance for brochure on Royal Orient Express
10.	Tarnetar festival
11.	Assistance for Kutch Festival
12.	Assistance for production of publicity material

Construction of Low Cost Hotels for Middle Class Tourists

1782. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourism industry requires capital to improve availability of low cost hotels;

(b) whether any estimate has been made in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage construction of hotel accommodation for middle class Indian tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFARIS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (d) Construction of hotels is a private sector activity which is highly capital intensive. However, in order to encourage construction of such accommodation, the Government of India provide incentives like interest subsidy which is available to only one, two and three star hotels, reduced duty on import of project equipment/ capital goods/raw material. The Government also offers exemptions under Income Tax Acts.

Proposal to make Mount Abu more beautiful to attract Foreign Tourists

1783. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism is one of the most lucrative foreign exchange earning